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FIRE SWEEPS IOWA TOWNS

Davenport Suffers Property Loss of \$700,000.

MAD RACE WITH THE FLAMES.

Twenty Blocks Burned in a Brief Space—Dry Goods Store at Sioux City Bursts Into Flames—Liscomb Creamery Burns—Caused by Sun.

Davenport, Ia., July 26.—Fire laid waste an area of sawmill and residence property here last night equal to 20 ordinary city blocks. The flames started at 2:30 p. m. in some big piles of kindling wood belonging to the Rock Island Fuel company on the levee. A brisk breeze carried the flames directly across the immense lumber yards of Weirhauser & Denkmann, which were soon a seething mass of flames. The spread of the fire was so rapid that the workmen barely had time to desert the yard, some losing their coats and dinner pails. The flames pushed their way into the adjoining residence district, closely settled with middle class homes, of an average value of a few thousand dollars each, from which the occupants escaped only with their lives and the clothing on their backs. Over 50 homes were thus burned, some of them tenements, resulting in 100 families being rendered homeless. Others deserted their homes in the threatened district. Vacant houses all over town are filled with furniture, removed from the imperiled district. The fire was fought heroically by the fire department of Davenport, and Rock Island and Moline, Ills., the latter cities responding promptly to an appeal for aid from here.

Efforts to check the flames were unavailing until they spread to the north on the spacious grounds of St. Catherine's hall, a boarding school for young ladies, which was saved after the tower was burned off. Gradually the battle waged on the edges of the flaming district told as the less thickly settled portions of the city were invaded, and by 10 o'clock the conflagration was under control. The mill of Weirhauser & Denkmann company and yards were totally destroyed. Loss, \$400,000. The loss on residences and other property is \$300,000 more.

Not a drop of rain having fallen here in three weeks, the lumber yards furnished food for the flames that quickly put the conflagration beyond the control of the firemen. Had the wind blown from the east the entire business portion of the city would have been swept away. Fortunately a southeast breeze carried the flames toward the bluffs, and as soon as they were out of the thickly settled district the efforts of the firemen and hundreds of volunteers finally brought the fire under control.

The entire district from Federal street to Bridge avenue and from the river to Seventh street was swept clean.

The heat was intense, and two ambulances were kept busy hauling away persons who were prostrated by it. In a few instances persons living in the burned district have not been located by their relatives, but it is believed that they escaped.

Probably 100 families were rendered homeless by the fire, and homes and hotels were turned over to them for the night. Hundreds of others moved temporarily from their homes and vacant lots over a large portion of the town were filled with household goods and the refugees from the burned district.

It is believed the fire was caused by boys smoking cigarettes on the levee. Groups of them had been chased away during the day from the district where the fire broke out.

DRY GOODS STORE DESTROYED.

Sioux City Has \$80,000 Fire, Two Persons Being Injured.

Sioux City, July 26.—J. F. Phelan & Co.'s big dry goods store was destroyed yesterday by fire, supposed to have been started by the sun's rays in the front show windows. The fire started so quickly that many of the clerks had a narrow escape. Every counter loaded with combustible stuff seemed to catch fire simultaneously. The first floor was a seething mass of flames in five minutes. The injured, all of whom jumped from the second story windows, are: John Phelan, proprietor of the store, arm broken, face cut; Miss Rose Dement, a clerk, head and face cut. The loss is \$80,000, partially covered by insurance.

Blaze Caused by Sun.

Marshalltown, Ia., July 26.—A fire caused by the intense heat destroyed the creamery in Liscomb yesterday. The blaze caught on the shingle roof and burned rapidly, destroying all the contents, with the exception of the separator. It was insured for \$4,000, but this will not cover the loss. Several sheds adjoining were also destroyed and buildings across the street caught, but were saved after a fierce fight. Manager Thomas Culp was overcome by heat while fighting the fire and is in a precarious condition.

Death of Michael M. Allen.

Lead, S. D., July 26.—Michael M. Allen, a prominent politician and mine owner, is dead here, the result of heat exhaustion. He was a part owner of the Golden Crown mine, which was recently sold to a Denver company.

NEGROES WILL

Lafayette Steel Company A. fort to Land Them at Melrose.

Chicago, July 26.—General Manager Aertzen of the Lafre Steel and Coupler works at Melrose Park gave out a statement last evening, declaring that the company had abandoned the effort to bring the colored laborers to Melrose Park and that they will be sent back to their homes in Alabama. All day the 300 negroes sat in their cars at Lagrange, 28 miles from Chicago. In fear, a committee of five citizens of Melrose Park called on them during the morning and used their best endeavors to induce the men to return to their homes in Alabama. They informed the colored men of the actual state of affairs in Melrose Park, where 300 armed men were awaiting the arrival of their train, determined that they should not be allowed to alight in the village. Their statements alarmed the negroes and it was with difficulty that the trainmen managed to keep them from running off in a panic.

ELKS DECIDE TO WAIT AWHILE.

Postpone for One Year Action on Question of Selecting Site for Home. Milwaukee, July 26.—The grand lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, adjourned last night to meet in Salt Lake City on the second Tuesday in August, 1902. While the convention transacted a great deal of business, there was little to be made public. The most important question to come up for consideration was the report of the committee on national Elks home. The committee's report recommended the postponement of the matter for another year, and the convention ratified the recommendation. The committee was also given discretionary power to select a site before the end of a year should it see fit to do so.

WANT FREE HOMESTEADS.

Settlers on Fort Randall Reservation Preparing to Petition Congress.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 26.—The settlers on the abandoned Fort Randall military reservation, in the south central portion of the state, near the Nebraska border, are preparing to circulate petitions asking congress at its session next winter to grant the settlers free homesteads on their lands. The tract was opened under a special act, to which the free homestead law does not apply, and the settlers are required to pay a certain sum per acre for the land filed upon by them.

Kaiser as Peacemaker.

London, July 26.—"The rumor as to early peace negotiations which has pervaded the house of commons for some days," says the Daily Express, "has taken the more definite form that Emperor William is soon to assume the role of peacemaker. Mr. Kruger and his advisers are represented as having empowered the kaiser to act for the Boers, and he is considered willing to take the initiative in order to popularize his relations with the German people, who disapprove his friendship for Great Britain."

O'Brien Must Hang.

Ottawa, Ont., July 26.—The case of George O'Brien, the Yukon murderer, was before the cabinet yesterday, and an order in council was passed allowing the law to take its course. O'Brien, who shot and killed three persons on the trail coming out from Dawson for the gold which they had on them, will be hanged on Aug. 23.

Negroes From the South.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 26.—Agents for a number of large coal mining companies in the west are at work in this section procuring negro miners to work in the western mines, which are said to be very short handed. The first party of 36 negroes went to McAlester, I. T.

Mining Congress Elects Officers.

Boise, Ida., July 26.—E. L. Shaffer of Ohio was elected president of the International Mining congress, Fred R. Reed of Boise was chosen vice president and Irvin Mason was re-elected secretary without opposition. Butte was selected as the next place of meeting.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

German Riesco was formally proclaimed president of Chile Thursday. Fifty prominent Kansas City Republicans have organized a "1904 Theodore Roosevelt club."

The four-story building occupied by the Barnett Carriage company at Cincinnati was destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss, \$75,000.

The war department Thursday issued the formal order closing up the Department of Alaska and merging it into the Department of Columbia.

E. H. Conn of Newport, Ky., is dead and August Helmer of Cripple Creek fatally injured as a result of a runaway accident at Buena Vista, Colo.

Two farm hands were killed by lightning while seeking shelter in a barn near Neoga, Ills. The building was destroyed, several valuable horses perishing.

J. B. Jaynes, formerly financial secretary of Jay Gould, was found dead in the railroad yards of Kansas City, Kan., Thursday, having been prostrated by the heat.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding Thursday gave telegraphic notice to all collectors of customs that free trade exists between the United States and Porto Rico.

OLD DEFENDER LOSES RACE

Columbia Crosses Line Ahead of Her Rival.

CONSTITUTION SCRAPES REEF.

Twice Cumps Ledge and After That Acts Like Lame Duck—Diver Investigates and Today's Final is Declared Off.

Newport, R. I., July 26.—The Columbia yesterday in a rattling race from New London to Newport gave the Constitution a great beating, the latter finishing a good third of a mile astern of her antagonist, and being defeated two minutes and five seconds. The victory was surprising, for the race was sailed in weather that as a rule has just suited the Constitution, with wind not exceeding 12 knots and the sea comparatively smooth. It was not until Newport was reached that an intelligent explanation of her real good drubbing could be given. The Constitution, following in the wake of the Columbia, the leading yacht in the big sloop class, struck twice on a ledge near the Race Rock lighthouse. There was a substantial bump on each occasion, and after this the Constitution behaved like a lame duck.

Mr. Duncan, who is in command, said that he believed some of the plates on the leaden keel were wrenched off by the force of the impact on the hard rock, and that these plates from the fin acted as a drag on the yacht, and made her incapable of showing her usual racing form. A diver was sent down shortly after the Constitution was moored last night, but he was unable to make a satisfactory examination and Mr. Duncan decided not to race the boat further until she has been hauled out and opportunity given for a thorough investigation.

Cadillac a Winner.

Chicago, July 26.—The Cadillac of Detroit won yesterday in the Canada cup trial races, Milwaukee second, Detroit third and Illinois fourth. There was nothing in it but the Cadillac so far as first place was concerned. She led nearly all the way and after taking the lead had no competitors, finishing six minutes and ten seconds ahead of the second boat. The race of the day, however, was between the Milwaukee, Detroit and Illinois for second place. No finish as close as that of the three boats has ever been seen in a yacht race sailed near Chicago.

BAPTISTS IN SESSION.

Opening of the Young People's Tenth Convention in Chicago.

Chicago, July 26.—"The manner in which money is raised for our churches is often a disgrace and an abomination," said Rev. W. D. Nowlin of Lexington last night in addressing a meeting of the Baptist Young People's union at the Second Baptist church. "When the church learns to adopt business methods instead of holding people up we probably shall find our finances in better shape."

While this conference was going on another was in progress at Haven school, which touched on amusements. The Rev. F. E. Jordan of Grand Island, Neb., declared dancing, card playing and the theater as wholly out of the question. "In some of our young people's societies," said Rev. Mr. Jordan, "the desire for amusement comes dangerously near supplanting the desire for a higher spiritual life. Our amusement tends to lead young people to forget the high calling which is open to them."

The convention proper opened yesterday at the Coliseum, with an attendance of about 4,000.

CONSECRATE NEW BISHOP.

Ceremony of Great Pomp Attended by Many Prelates and Priests.

New York, July 26.—With all the pomp befitting the occasion, Rev. J. O'Connor, former pastor of St. Joseph's church, Newark, N. J., was yesterday consecrated bishop of the diocese of Newark. The ceremony took place in St. Patrick's cathedral, Newark, the officiating prelate being Archbishop Corrigan of New York, assisted by Bishop Charles E. McDonnell of Brooklyn and Bishop James McPaul of Trenton. Several hundred bishops and priests were in attendance. Among the priests in the sanctuary were representatives of the Jesuits, Carmelites, Dominicans, Franciscans, Capuchins and Benedictines, attired in the garb of their respective orders.

Young People's Christian Union.

Winona Lake, Ind., July 26.—The principal address last night before the annual convention of the Young People's Christian union of the Presbyterian church, now in session here, was given by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman of New York, which was preceded by a praise service in the auditorium. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. C. H. Strong of Sterling, Kan. Rev. Charles F. Wishart of Allegheny made the opening address on "Temperance," advocating total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Does Not Heed Whistle.

McCook, Neb., July 26.—Ben Glasgow of Nelson, Neb., was struck by an

engine in the Narrows, a mile east of McCook, yesterday and instantly killed. He was walking along the track and heedless of the stock whistle sounded, attempted to cross in front of the train at a curve.

Explosion Wrecks Town.

Batum, July 26.—A terrific explosion of petroleum yesterday in the most thickly populated quarter of Batum wrecked the whole center of the town. It is impossible to estimate the loss.

MRS. FOSBURGH ON THE STAND.

Mother of Dead Girl Tells Her Story. Miss Sheldon Testifies.

Pittsfield, Mass., July 26.—In the Fosburgh manslaughter case yesterday Mrs. R. L. Fosburgh, the gray-haired mother, went upon the witness stand and told in simple words how her daughter was killed. Her story was given with frequently uncontrolled emotion. Her voice failed her and she shed tears. Miss Gertha Sheldon, a guest in the Fosburgh home on the night of the tragedy, was another important witness. By her testimony the defense wished to show that there were burglars in the house and that they were seen by little Beatrice Fosburgh.

There was a long argument between counsel over the government's objections to the admission of this evidence, but the court finally allowed it to go in because what was said was spoken in the presence of the defendant.

Miss Sheldon was relating the story of her awakening by a piercing scream and declared that she opened the door leading to May Fosburgh's room and cried: "What is the matter?" Robert, Beatrice and her father and mother were in the room at the time. Witness saw the body of May upon the floor and at that instant Beatrice replied: "Burglars have entered the house and shot May."

POSSE FINDS FUGITIVE.

William Woodfork, for Killing His Brother, Is Lodged in Jail.

Missouri Valley, Ia., July 26.—Sheriff Skelton and his posse caught William Woodfork, alleged murderer, near Little Sioux yesterday. It is charged that Wednesday evening in a drunken revel Woodfork stabbed his brother, Amos, who lived but a few hours. The sheriff and posse started after him at once and after a hunt made more disagreeable by the intense heat, they located him hiding in a brick yard south of Little Sioux. Woodfork was taken to Logan and lodged in the county jail.

COURT MAY PROLONG ITS STAY.

Indications of Change in Intention to Return to Peking.

Shanghai, July 26.—The floods in the Yangtze valley are causing great distress. Two of the embankments have broken above Wuhu and flooded a thickly populated district for 40 or 50 miles. Tens of thousands of people have been rendered homeless and the crops destroyed.

The return of the court to Peking looks doubtful. Supplies have again been ordered sent to Siang Fu, the present headquarters of the court.

London Is Flooded.

London, July 26.—A phenomenal thunder storm, accompanied by hail and incessant lightning, raged for a couple of hours in London yesterday afternoon. The streets were turned into rivers. The water, overflowing the sidewalks, entered dwellings and poured down every opening. The underground railway was flooded and trains were stopped. The storm flooded Mrs. Langtry's new theater, the Imperial. A number of public buildings were damaged. The crops in the country surrounding London were laid low and the telegraph wires torn down.

French Defeat Moors.

London, July 26.—"A few days ago," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cadix, "a great battle was fought between the French and the Moors near Figula. It was the result of the French operations to subjugate the tribes south of the Atlas mountains and then occupy the oasis of Taflet. The French were victorious. The Moors assert that the French government has 90,000 troops on the Moorish border."

Greeks Are Not Welcome.

Constantinople, July 26.—The Turkish government has arbitrarily refused to permit the Greek squadron to visit Smyrna, Salonica and Mount Athos. Greece sent the usual notification of the projected cruise, but the porte declined to entertain the proposition on political grounds. Diplomatic officials regard the attitude of the Turkish government in this particular as illegal.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—Pittsburg, 9; Cincinnati, 5. Philadelphia, 7; Boston, 3. New York, 9; Brooklyn, 5. St. Louis, 5; Chicago, 3. American League—Cleveland, 1; Baltimore, 5. Milwaukee, 6; Boston, 2. Chicago, 4; Washington, 1. Western League—St. Joseph, 1; Omaha, 2. Denver, 5; St. Paul, 4. Colorado Springs, 8; Minneapolis, 7. Kansas City, 2; Des Moines, 1.

Iowa Central Deal.


St. Paul, July 26.—The Pioneer Press says: "Private advices received from reliable New York sources are to the effect that the frequently reported deal of the consolidation of the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the Iowa Central with the Illinois Central is actually under way and in prospect of early culmination."



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